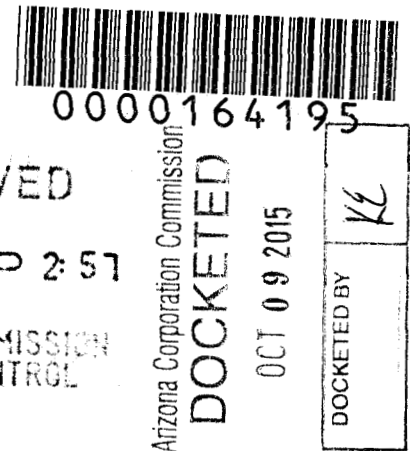


Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee  
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Re: Docket # L-00000YY-15-0318-00171

September 30, 2015

Dear Friends,

I propose two reasons why the SunZia project should be a no-go: First, it exploits Arizona's natural resources, in particular, and most significant to me personally, being a resident of Cascabel, by tearing up pristine, ecologically irreplaceable land in the San Pedro River Valley, location of the last free-running river in the state, opening it by creating access roads and power line throughways to further exploitation. The thought of heavy equipment gouging the land here is nightmarish. Have any of you visited? Experienced the deep quiet? Watched the hummingbirds and vermilion flycatchers darting around? Heard eerie coyote song at dusk? According to Audubon, the San Pedro is *one of the most important avian fly-ways in the world!* What if some of the proposed towers and lines kill migrating birds? What if some of the gouging the heavy equipment does makes it impossible for animals to maintain their territories?

I'm not naive enough to believe that these environmental, ecological, and aesthetic concerns have much sway in the business world, but there is a second, business and political reason to quash this: It seems to be a ridiculous plan from the get-go, utterly speculative, costly, and purporting to deliver renewable energy to Arizona, which we don't need, having our own massive actual and potential solar energy production, with the likely market being California. How can this be thought of as a good idea for our state? What are the financial costs of the project—it seems they would be massive. Are we going to be paying for something that ultimately rips us off? It seems that way. I even wonder if there's an ulterior motivation here, a way to get the permit, scuttle the project because it's so impractical and costly, then sell off the acquired land to parties who might have little motivation to preserve its unique natural value. (I know, I've just shifted back to the first objection. It's just that the proposed project makes so little sense that one suspects other motivations.)

That's my piece. Please consider it. I'm grateful for the hearings.

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